

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for scheduling and document integration, comprising the steps of:  
2 (a) scheduling a plurality of tasks;  
3 (b) managing a plurality of documents associated with the tasks; and  
4 (c) integrating the management of the documents with the scheduling of the  
5 tasks.
- 1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the tasks are scheduled using a  
2 project manager.
- 1 3. The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the project manager is capable of  
2 providing a plurality of templates for initiating a project; allowing a user to  
3 populate the template with task records each having at least one associated  
4 task; and linking each task record to the documents required to complete the  
5 associated task.
- 1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the documents are managed by a  
2 document manager.
- 1 5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the document manager is capable  
2 of determining a due date associated with the documents; monitoring a status  
3 of the documents; and generating alerts based on the due date and the status  
4 of the documents.
- 1 6. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the integration is facilitated by a  
2 communication manager.

1 7. The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the communication manager is  
2 capable of receiving a plurality of communication documents selected from  
3 the group consisting of requests for information, change proposal requests,  
4 change proposal quotations, contract change orders, and submittals;  
5 associating the tasks with the communication documents.

1 8. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the integration is facilitated by a  
2 pro-active manager.

1 9. The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the pro-active manager is capable  
2 of monitoring a status of the tasks; identifying information associated with  
3 the completion of each of the tasks based on the status thereof; and sending a  
4 request for the information utilizing a network.

1 10. A computer program product for scheduling and document integration,  
2 comprising:  
3 (a) computer code for scheduling a plurality of tasks;  
4 (b) computer code for managing a plurality of documents associated with the  
5 tasks; and  
6 (c) computer code for integrating the management of the documents with the  
7 scheduling of the tasks.

1 11. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the tasks are  
2 scheduled using a project manager.

1 12. The computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the project  
2 manager is capable of providing a plurality of templates for initiating a  
3 project; allowing a user to populate the template with task records each  
4 having at least one associated task; and linking each task record to the  
5 documents required to complete the associated task.

1 13. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
2 documents are managed by a document manager.

1 14. The computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein the document  
2 manager is capable of determining a due date associated with the documents;  
3 monitoring a status of the documents; and generating alerts based on the due  
4 date and the status of the documents.

1 15. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
2 integration is facilitated by a communication manager.

1 16. The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the  
2 communication manager is capable of receiving a plurality of  
3 communication documents selected from the group consisting of requests for  
4 information, change proposal requests, change proposal quotations, contract  
5 change orders, and submittals; associating the tasks with the communication  
6 documents.

1 17. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
2 integration is facilitated by a pro-active manager.

1 18. The computer program product as recited in claim 17, wherein the pro-active  
2 manager is capable of monitoring a status of the tasks; identifying  
3 information associated with the completion of each of the tasks based on the  
4 status thereof; and sending a request for the information utilizing a network.

1 19. A system for scheduling and document integration, comprising:  
2 (a) logic for scheduling a plurality of tasks;  
3 (b) logic for managing a plurality of documents associated with the tasks; and  
4 (c) logic for integrating the management of the documents with the scheduling  
5 of the tasks.

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